

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Claims 1, 6 and 11, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at pages 11-12. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, § 102, § 103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(3) AND §103(A)

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,637 to Kamada.

Claims 4, 9 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kamada view of U.S. Patent No. 6,456,305 to Qureshi et al.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein when the information provided in advance does not indicate a next information providing location, information providing locations from which information has not been read are discriminated with reference to the information in a previous information providing location address, as a function of a hierarchy.”
(emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,381,637 to Kamada (hereinafter, merely “Kamada”) fails to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1.

Specifically, Kamada fails to teach or suggest that when the information provided in advance does not indicate a next information providing location, information providing locations from which information has not been read are discriminated with reference to the information in a previous information providing location address, as a function of a hierarchy, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, amended independent claims 6 and 11 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

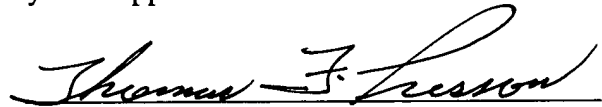
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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